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Dear State Building Code Council,

I'm providing this testimony on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Bellingham and Whatcom County. The National League's Position Statement on Climate Change Policy, as announced by the National Board, January 2019, is that "The League believes that climate change is a serious threat facing our nation and our planet. The League supports climate goals and policies that are consistent with the best available climate science and that will ensure a stable climate system for future generations." Consistent with these goals, the local League confirms its strong support of building codes 21-GP1-103 and 21-GP1-136 which require the use of efficient heat pump technology in new commercial buildings. This is an important step to help maintain the livability of our planet. We urge rapid adoption and implementation. The 2021 severe weather events here in the Pacific Northwest have made it very clear that climate change is already upon us. There is no time to lose.

Thank you,
Vicki Thomas
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Bellingham/Whatcom County